

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as follows:

On Page 3 of the specification, delete the paragraph starting at line 11, and insert in place thereof the following new paragraph:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of one embodiment of the splice system of the present invention. Splice system 10 connects fly or fishing line 12 and leader 14 or other fishing line segments, which are aligned generally along longitudinal axis 15 for connection. Splice system 10 includes two main components: male connector or bullet connector 16 and female connector or receiver 18. Male connector 16 includes first end 16a and second end 16b. Female connector 18 includes first end 48 and second end 50. An exemplary embodiment additionally includes slidably mounted floats 20.

On Page 5 of the specification, delete the paragraph starting at line 11, and insert in place thereof the following new paragraph:

FIG. 2 is a side cross-sectional view along line 2-2 of FIG. 1, showing the connectors of the splice system in a connected configuration. Female connector 18 includes axial bore 38, first end 48, second end 50 and bore 54. Bullet connector 16 includes head 36 and a plurality of resiliently deformable petals 24, the plurality of petals 24 having a radial extent greater than the radial extent of head 36. Head 36 is generally located at first end 16a of male connector 16. Deformable petals 24 are generally located at second end 16b of male connector 16. Bullet connector 16 is shaped to facilitate its advance in direction 22 through bore 54 of receiver 18 and, once fully inserted into receiver 18, to prevent its motion in direction 26 through bore 54. In an exemplary embodiment, head 36 has a hemispherical shape and each petal 24 has a narrow width at head 36 and gradually widens in a direction away from head

36. In the illustrated embodiment, leader 14 is integrally formed with bullet connector 16. This can be accomplished, for example, by molding bullet connector 16 over or with leader 14 so that they form an inseparable unit.